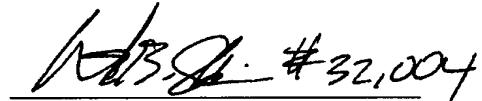


REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claim 17 was amended as follows:

17. (Amended) Contrast media according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 16, wherein the receptor is coupled with the aid of a coupling group to the signal unit.